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California Arts Council and Claudia Chapline Gallery to sponsor group art exhibition, CALIFORNIA MIX, with reception for artists on December 16, 1997

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SACRAMENTO: The **California Arts Council**, in association with **Claudia Chapline Gallery of Stinson Beach**, in conjunction with **LaSalle Partners** and the **Side Bar Cafe**, are pleased to announce a group exhibition of California art works by Claudia Chapline, Whitson Cox, Etta Deikman, Jim Garmhausen, Shoko Klyce, Brigitte McReynolds, Betsie Miller-Kusz, Harold Schwarm, Leah Schwartz, Connie Smith Siegel, Russell Smith, Joyce Tayer, and Ann White. A reception honoring the artists will be held on December 16, 1997 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Side Bar Cafe, on the first floor of the building of the Office of the Attorney General located at 1300 I Street, Sacramento. The public is invited to attend and light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on view Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through February 1, 1998.

CALIFORNIA MIX, a exhibition of 13 California artists, is a cornucopia of paintings and fiber works celebrating California landscapes, the fruits of the earth, the sea, and the spirit of artistic expression.

Curated by **Claudia Chapline**, CALIFORNIA MIX shows a variety of contemporary approaches to painting: from representational still lifes of giant fruits and vegetables by **Leah Schwartz** to delicate impressions of Marin landscapes by **Connie Smith Siegel**, exuberant abstracts by **Whitson Cox** and **Etta Deikman**. Innovative fiber works are by **Shoko Klyce** and **Joyce Tayer**. Scroll paintings by **Harold Schwarm** and earth paintings by **Jim Garmhausen** are exhibited in the lobby along with **Russel Smith's** moody sea view from the Mendocino Headlands. **Brigitte McReynolds** includes words in her paintings. The flying figures of **Betsie Miller-Kusz** represent freedom of spirit while the country paintings of **Ann White** root us solidly in the California countryside.

The California Arts Council, a state agency established in 1976, promotes artistic awareness and participation in California. The California Arts Council's mission is to promote the arts and serve the people of California. The Arts Council provides technical assistance and grants to artists and nonprofit organizations. Applications are reviewed and rated at public meetings by outside professional peer panels and receive final approval from the appointed 11-member Council. Arts Council members include: Thomas Hall, Chair; James L. Loper, Vice Chair; Dea Spanos Berberian; Edward C. Cazier, Jr.; Iris R. Dart; Doris Fisher; Barbara George; Hugh Hewitt; Janet Karatz; David C. Lizarraga; and A.C. Lyles.

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